

## COLOR-IMAGE-FORMING MEDIUM

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 In a color image-forming medium, a substrate is coated with  
a color-developing layer which is composed of at least one kind  
of heat-sensitive color-developing component, and a plurality of  
pressure-sensitive microcapsules. Each of the pressure-sensitive  
microcapsules is filled with a dye exhibiting a first single-color,  
10 and features a pressure/temperature characteristic to be broken  
when being subjected to a predetermined pressure within a first  
temperature range. The heat-sensitive color-developing component  
features a thermal color-developing characteristic to develop a  
second single color within a second temperature range defined by  
15 a first critical temperature and a second temperature. The first  
critical temperature is in the first temperature range, and the  
second critical temperature exceeds an upper limit temperature of  
the first temperature range.